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Dear John:

Your letter of 21 September (N 1432) was of concern to me as I had been assured that your Agency was completely informed as to the procedures we were using. We are aware of the established channels for the transmittal of SIGINT requirements and of NSA's capabilities and responsibilities. It is our intention to continue to utilize these channels and to fully avail ourselves of the NSA capability.

We were concerned with a high priority, many faceted, operational problem and DIA offered to expedite the required action. It was explained to us that this type of requirement could be sent to the DIA for forwarding to the appropriate organization for action. Had it been the usual type of requirement, we would have sent it directly to NSA. Flights responsive to this request have been programmed, and we are receiving information within 24 to 36 hours after intercept.

The "Posture" reports forwarded by your Office will be most useful if maintained on a current basis. Information from the platforms listed in these reports is needed within a few days of intercept or, at a later time, it may be required on real time basis for operational recall.

In placing this operational requirement with DIA, we did believe, however, that the information would be of use to NSA in the correlation of intercepts from all sources and in the production of intelligence information. We, therefore, addressed an information copy to NSA in order to remind the collector of the fact that

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your Agency should also be provided with the results and to insure that we would receive your product. In order to further insure a complete understanding, a CIA representative visited NSA the following day to explain the situation and I was informed that such explanation had been satisfactory to NSA. Apparently such was not the case.

I can assure you that this Agency intends to send all its normal requirements for SIGINT information to NSA through regularly utilized channels and to exploit NSA's capability and service to the fullest extent.

Sincerely,

**SIGNED**  
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